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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR POPOV'S FAREWELL CALL ON THE DEPUTY
SECRETARY, SEPTEMBER 12

1. AFTER AN EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY COMMENTED ON THE IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS UNDER THE AEGIS OF AMBASSADOR POPOV. POPOV AGREED THAT RELATIONS ARE NOW MUCH BETTER AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THEM.

2. AMBASSADOR POPOV ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING NEW ON MFN. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REPLIED THAT PROGRESS ON MFN DEPENDS ON US/USSR RELATIONS AND THAT NO IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT IS IN SIGHT.

3. CHRISTOPHER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT DISCUSSIONS ON CLAIMS OF AMERICAN HOLDERS OF BULGARIAN BONDS MAY BEGIN SOON. POPOV REPLIED THAT THE RECENT POSTPONEMENT OF
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NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ISSUE AT GOB REQUEST WAS THE RESULT OF A LACK OF PREPAREDNESS, NOT OF POLICY. HE ADDED THAT IT IS BETTER TO COME PREPARED AND THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS GOVERNMENT COULD DO SO IN SEVERAL MONTHS. POPOV ADDED THAT HE HOPED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL ADVISORS COULD SUGGEST HOW THE TWO GOVERNMENTS COULD ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT THAT ALL CLAIMS HAD BEEN SETTLED. ANDREWS (EUR/

EE) NOTED THAT IT IS A QUESTION OF HOW ONE GOVERNMENT
MAKES CLEAR TO ANOTHER THAT NO FURTHER CLAIMS AGAINST IT
ARE PENDING. OR, SAID POPOV, THAT THE US GOVERNMENT
WOULD SUPPORT NO OTHER CLAIMS.

4. POPOV EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE KINDNESSES
OF THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMENTED THAT HE IS LEAVING THE
U.S. WITH THE BEST OF IMPRESSIONS. VANCE

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